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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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S.R.O.No.1791/2025 ─ In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the State Government do hereby make the following Rules for prevention of theft, smuggling and illegal mining and to regulate the possession, storage, trading and transportation of minerals in the State of Odisha and for the purposes connected therewith, namely: -

CHAPTER-I

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement -

(1) These rules may be called the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining and Regulation of Trading, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2025.

(2) These rules shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by Notification appoint.

2. Definitions -

(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) **'Act'** means the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957);

(b) **'AI Camera'** means a surveillance camera equipped with artificial intelligence capabilities including automatic number plate recognition, facial recognition and/or motion detection etc. for real-time monitoring and recording of mining and transportation activities;

(c) **'Analyser'** means certified equipment capable of real-time mineral grade analysis, including but not limited to Prompt Gamma Neutron Activation Analysis (PGNAA), Pulse Fast Thermal Neutron Activation Analysis (PFTNAA), Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS), X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) or other certified analysers as notified by Government

from time to time which are integrated with the Digital Platform for seamless data transmission;

(d) **'Carrier'** means any mode of conveyance or facility by which mineral is transported from one place to another and includes road carriers of axle-weight vehicles, electric vehicles, rail wagons, water carriers such as ships or vessels and any other means as may be permitted by the Competent Authority;

(e) **'Check post'** means a digital check point with and automated technology driven system designed to monitor and regulate the transportation of mineral;

(f) '**Competent Authority**' means the Deputy Director of Mines or Mining Officer of respective jurisdiction or any officer of Directorate of Mines & Geology authorized by State Government to exercise the powers & perform the function of Head of Authority for that jurisdiction as mentioned in Schedule-I appended to these rules;

(g) '**Digital Enforcement**' means automated compliance monitoring using technologies such as AI-powered cameras, RFID tags, GPS tracking, and real-time analytics to verify mineral transportation and detect violations without human intervention;

(h) '**Digital Platform**' means the Online Portal developed by the Government for mineral administration in the State by whatever name called by the State Government for the said purpose from time to time;

(i) '**Dispatch Point**' means a designated location at or near the pit-head or stockyard of a mine from which minerals are dispatched, equipped with required infrastructure for weighing, sampling, and monitoring as prescribed under these rules;

(j) '**Drone**' means an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) registered under the Drone Rules, 2021 and equipped with geospatial, AI-powered vision, or other sensing systems for the purpose of aerial surveys, volumetric analysis, stock verification, and compliance monitoring;

(k) '**Form**' means a form appended to these rules;

(l) '**Government**' means the Government of Odisha;

(m) '**Illegal Storage**' means the storing of any mineral otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder;

(n) '**Illegal transportation**' means transportation or caused to be transported of any mineral otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made there under;

(o) '**Inspecting Officer**' means any person authorized by the Government under Section 24 of the Act and it shall include the Director of Mines and Geology and other officers sub ordinate to the Director of Mines and Geology but not below the rank of Junior Mining Officer;

(p) '**Laboratory**' means Government Chemical Analytical Laboratories functioning under the control of the Department of Steel & Mines, Odisha;

(q) '**MDCC**' means Mining Dues Clearance Certificate as issued in **Form C** under sub-rule (3)(vii) of Rule 4;

(r) '**Mineral**' means all minerals except mineral oil and minor mineral and includes specified minor minerals as defined under the rule 2(1) (aa) of the Odisha Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2016 for the purpose of implementation of this rule;

(s) '**Mineral license**' means a license obtained from the Competent Authority for the purpose(s) of Trading, Processing, Storing activity as mentioned in **Schedule-II** appended to these rules;

(t) '**Mining dues**' means all dues payable under the Act and the Rules made thereunder including audit objected amounts and other amounts demanded by the Competent Authority(ies);

(u) '**Prepaid Mineral Account**' means an electronic account maintained by a lessee or licensee with the Department of Steel & Mines through the Digital Platform, wherein advance payments of royalty, taxes, fees and other dues are deposited and from which such dues are deducted in real-time for each mineral dispatch as and when required;

(v) '**Prescribed**' means prescribed under these rules or rules made under the Act;

(w) '**Processing**' 'in relation to minerals, shall mean the application of mechanical and/or scientific techniques intended to alter the physical and/or chemical characteristics of a mineral to enhance its grade, suitability, or utility. This includes, but is not limited to, operations such as screening, crushing, grinding, washing, beneficiation, palletization, sintering, sponge iron production, and smelting into steel or allied products. Such processes must result in measurable changes to the mineral's

mineralogical, physical, or chemical properties through liberation, concentration, or transformation;

Explanation: For the purposes of this definition, activities such as blending, mixing, or aggregation of minerals or mineral products-where no substantial alteration in mineralogical, chemical, or metallurgical characteristics occurs and which do not involve scientifically recognised processing techniques approved by the competent State or Central Government authority-shall not be considered.

(x) '**Real-time Data System**' shall refer to any system or device duly approved by the competent authority, which is capable of instantaneously capturing and transmitting operational data—such as weight, grade, vehicle identification, or other relevant parameters—to the central digital database on a continuous basis. Such transmission shall occur without manual intervention, thereby facilitating live monitoring, automated recording, and regulatory oversight during the course of operations;

(y) '**Research work**' means any work done for beneficiation and up gradation of the mineral and for examining its suitability for utilization in the industry and for the purpose of scientific study without any commercial utilization;

(z) '**Residual**' means leftover mineral obtained after the processing of the raw material in processing plant or industry and are unsuitable for use in that plant or industry but can still have commercial value when sold or repurposed for other industrial uses;

(za) '**RFID Tag**' means a radio-frequency identification device attached to a vehicle or container used or to be used for carrying minerals, which can be read by an RFID reader to automatically and uniquely identify the vehicle or container for tracking purposes. Every such RFID Tag under these rules shall conform to the specifications notified by the Government;

(zb) '**Schedule**' means the Schedules appended to these Rules;

(zc) **'Scientific test'** means any test conducted for chemical analysis or mineralogical study of mineral and assessment of its chemical and mineralogical constituents and properties for the purpose of scientific study without any commercial utilization;

(zd) **'Stack**' means stack of minerals in a proper geometrical shape, size and quantity as notified by the Government from time to time;

(ze) '**Storage**' means keeping or retaining minerals in physical possession, whether by procurement or transfer from any lawful source, provided such possession is supported by valid and legally recognized documentation evidencing the legitimacy of acquisition for the purpose of sale, export or import;

(zf) '**Trading**' means an activity involving in business of purchasing and selling of mineral for domestic consumption or export wherein no physical possession of such mineral is involved;

(zg) '**Transit pass**' or **'e-Transit Pass'** means a digitally generated and self-generative document issued by the Digital Platform for the lawful transportation of mineral, which is auto-issued upon verification of all compliance parameters and successful auto deduction of applicable government dues from a pre-paid account, and which is linked to a unique RFID tag and a carrier's identity;

(zh) '**Transportation**' means carrying of mineral from a place to another through a carrier;

(zi) '**Transporting agent**' means any person or company who engages directly in the business of transportation of minerals by road from the source of mineral to the point of end use or export;

(zj) '**Weigh bridge**' means a weighing system/mechanism that includes weighing instrument or any device or apparatus, or system—including but not limited to automated or unmanned weighbridges—utilized for the determination of weight in respect of mineral consignments. All such weighing instruments used under these rules shall conform to the accuracy standards as prescribed under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the rules framed thereunder and duly calibrated and certified in accordance with the applicable norms and procedures established by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL).

(2) All other words and expressions used in these rules, but not defined unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the same meaning as respectively assigned to them under the Act and Rules made there under.

3. Restriction -

No person shall carry on the business of buying, possessing, storing, selling, supplying, transporting, distributing or delivering for sale or processing or consumption of

minerals at any place for the purpose of sale or consumption or otherwise deal with any mineral except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a mineral licence or transporting agent registration granted under these rules:

Provided that a holder of a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence or composite licence for prospecting licence- cum-mining lease or mining lease in respect of the minerals for which he holds a mineral concession shall not be required to obtain a licence for possessing, storing, selling, supplying, transporting, distributing or processing of such mineral(s) within the leasehold area and transportation from the leasehold area as the case may be:

Provided further that no mineral licence shall be required for purchase, storing and transportation of minerals up to a quantity specified by Government from time to time in respect of each mineral for use or consumption by any person:

Provided also that no licence shall be required for transportation, storing and processing of minerals for scientific test or research work subject to terms and conditions as would be decided by the Government:

Provided also that no licence shall be granted to any person unless a person is an Indian national or a company as defined in the Companies Act, 2013 or a firm or an association of individuals; not a defaulter in payment of mining dues payable under the Act and the Rules made there under and has not been convicted by a Court in any case relating to any violation under the Act and the rules made thereunder:

Provided also that in order to discourage procurement of illegally extracted mineral(s) no licence for storage (depot) of mineral shall be granted within a radius of 40 kms. (road distance) of the source of such mineral except for storage in the premises of a licensee carrying out beneficiation and/or processing in the said premises:

Explanation. - For the purpose of this proviso, the word 'processing' shall not mean simple size reduction and screening of the sized mineral in isolation.

Provided further that in case of Central Government Public Sector Undertakings/ Enterprises and the State Government Public Sector Undertakings/ Enterprises, the State Government may allow for setting up and operation of storage (depot), only for mineral extracted by them, within a radius of 40 kms of the source of such mineral, subject to compliance to with the conditions as may be prescribed by the State Government from time to time.

Provided also that no licence shall be granted to a person whose licence has been cancelled for violation of terms and conditions of a previous licence issued under these rules:

Provided also that no licence for storing, processing **or** beneficiation or consumption of mineral(s) shall be granted to a person who has not obtained consent from the State Pollution Control Board to operate under the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the rules made thereunder:

Provided also that no licence for storing, processing **or** beneficiation or consumption of mineral(s) shall be granted to a person who has not obtained Environment Clearance from MoEF & CC, Govt. of India under EIA notification 2006 & its amendments, wherever required:

Provided also that no licence shall be granted to any person who undertakes the mixing or preparation of mineral components for the production of mineral products—such as chrome monolithic, chrome sand, refractory material, nozzle flux, or similar items—through physical means other than mechanical or scientific techniques duly recognised and approved by the competent authority of the State or Central Government:

CHAPTER - 2

GRANT OF MINERAL LICENCE AND ITS RENEWAL

4. Application for Grant of Mineral Licence -

(1) Any person who intends to procure, possess, store, sell, trade in, consume or otherwise deal with any mineral, shall make an application for a mineral licence of one or more minerals in **Form A** through the Digital Platform developed by the Government to the Competent Authority under whose jurisdiction, the local head office of business or as the case may be, the end use plant or mineral processing unit or the storage premises of the applicant is located and in case the applicant applies for a licence for storage of mineral, he shall make such application before the Competent Authority under whose jurisdiction the place of storage is located for each such premises

(2) The applicant shall deposit a non-refundable fee of Rupees One Lakh only for the minerals specified in the First Schedule, Fourth Schedule to the Act & semiprecious stones and Rupees Fifty Thousand only for all other minerals through treasury challan under the Head of Account notified by the Government time to time.;

(3) Every application made under sub-rule (1) shall accompanied by the following documents which shall be submitted in electronic form in Digital Platform;

(i) the original challan for the non-refundable fee as prescribed under sub-rule (2) deposited under proper Head of Account;

(ii) an attested copy of Nationality Certificate or the Photo Identity Card issued by the Election Commission of India or Aadhar Card or valid Indian Passport or permanent resident certificate issued by revenue authority in support of his nationality;

(iii) a self-attested copy of the Permanent Account Number and latest available annual income tax return for an existing entity;

(iv) a self-attested copy of the GST registration & up-to date GST return filed;

(v) an affidavit with a maximum validity period of six months to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted in any Court of Law in any case relating to theft or smuggling or illegal mining or illegal transporting or illegal storage of minerals;

(vi) a self-attested copy of the certificate or order issued by the appropriate authority on establishment of factory or beneficiation plant or lapidary unit along with land details, project report accompanied with concerned maps & product details, if any;

(vii) In case of a holder of reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence or prospecting license-cum-mining lease or mining lease, a self-attested copy of the valid clearance certificate of mining dues payable under the Act or Rules made there under issued by the Director of Mines, and Geology, Odisha. The application for Mining Dues Clearance Certificate shall be applied through **Form B** along with an affidavit as prescribed in these rules in **Schedule- III** and MDCC shall be issued in **Form C** with validity of a maximum period of one year from the date of issuance;

Provided that in case the applicant is a partnership firm or a company registered under the clause (20) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013, such certificate shall be furnished by each partner of the partnership firm or, as the case may be, by the Board of Directors of the company separately:

Provided further that where an applicant does not hold a reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence or prospecting licence-cum-mining lease or mining lease and has furnished an affidavit to that effect, it shall not be necessary for him to submit the said valid clearance certificates;

(viii) an attested copy of consent to operate under the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and rules made thereunder from the State Pollution Control Board;

(ix) an affidavit to the effect that none of the licence issued to him earlier has been cancelled on the grounds of violation of terms and conditions of the licence issued under these rules; and

(x) an attested copy of IEC (Import Export Code) Registration issued by the DGFT (Director General of Foreign Trade), MoC&I (Ministry of Commerce & Industries), GOI (Government of India) for Import or Export purpose, if applicable, which may be submitted in electronic form on the online portal.

(4) On receipt of application complete in all respect for mineral licence or its renewal, the Competent Authority shall acknowledge the receipt in **Form D** in the Digital Platform.

5. Processing and Disposal of Application by the Competent Authority -

(1) A register shall be maintained in **Form E** in the Digital Platform on a real time basis.

(2) The Competent Authority or an officer authorized by him, shall verify the *bona fides* of the applicant after conducting enquiry and furnish a report within 7 days with specific views on grant of licence.

(3) After due enquiry, the Competent Authority shall either grant a mineral licence to the applicant on the condition specified in rule 7, for a period not exceeding five years at a time, for a mineral or refuse to grant the mineral licence as the Competent Authority deems fit.

(4) In case Competent Authority decides to grant the mineral licence, he shall communicate the terms and conditions governing grant of such licence to the applicant for his acceptance. The applicant shall intimate about the acceptance of terms and conditions within two days from the date of receipt of communication. The Competent Authority shall grant the mineral licence in **Form F** in the Digital Platform or refuse the same with reasons to be recorded in writing within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the application.

(5) In case a decision is not conveyed within the prescribed time, and if the delay is not due to any deficiency on part of the applicant, the application shall be escalated to the next higher authority for urgent disposal, and the applicant shall be informed of the reasons for delay through the Digital Platform.

(6) After the disposal of the application by the higher authority, the Competent Authority shall be intimated the same by the Digital Platform for the onward communications to the applicant within three working days from the said disposal.

6. Renewal of Licence -

(1) The licence can be renewed in **Form F** further for not more than five years at a time on application in **Form A** accompanied with the fee and documents prescribed in rule 4 before sixty days of expiry of the existing licence to the Competent Authority, who will process it in the same manner as prescribed for the original licence.

Provided that the Competent Authority may condone delay in submission of application for renewal of Mineral Licence made after the time limit prescribed in sub-rule (1) on justifiable grounds, if the application has been made before expiry of the licence and late fee equal to fifty percent of the application fee has been paid by the applicant but no application for renewal of mineral licence made after expiry of the licence period shall be entertained.

(2) In case the renewal of licence is granted, the security money already deposited by the licensee, if valid, shall be accounted for as the security deposit for the renewal of licence.

(3) The period of renewal of licence shall commence from the date of the expiry of the licence under renewal.

7. Conditions for grant of Mineral Licence – The licence shall be granted subject to the following conditions: -

(i) The licensee shall deposit an amount of Rupees Two Lakhs only for minerals listed in the First Schedule, Fourth Schedule to the Act and semiprecious stones; and rupees One Lakhs only for other minerals or as recorded in the Digital Platform system as security deposit in shape of National Savings Certificate duly pledged to the Competent Authority or deposit receipts of Scheduled Banks or Regional Rural Banks or in any other manner prescribed by Government from time to time for the due observance of terms and conditions of the licence :

Provided that in the event of cancellation of the licence on account of breach of the terms and conditions, the security deposit as well as the interest accrued thereon shall be forfeited;

Provided further that the Licence shall be deemed to have terminated automatically and without any requirement of notice, in the event that no transaction involving minerals is carried out for a continuous period of two (2) years or for the entire duration of the Licence, whichever is earlier, from the date of its issuance. Upon such termination, the Licensee may, within a period of

three (3) months from the date of lapse, submit a written request for the refund of the security deposit along with any interest accrued thereon. In the absence of such request within the stipulated period, the security deposit and accrued interest shall stand forfeited to the Government, and no claim in respect thereof shall be entertained thereafter. The Government shall have no further obligation or liability in this regard.

Provided also that, in cases where the license was granted for storage or processing activities and there are existing stocks of minerals at the licensed premises, the foregoing provisions regarding automatic termination and forfeiture clause shall not be applicable.

(ii) The licensee shall maintain a correct and intelligible account of minerals procured, fed to the factory or processing plant or lapidary unit and the processed minerals recovered and transported daily to different destinations in the digital platform.

(iii) The licensee shall submit the monthly return before the 10th Day of every month in respect of the preceding month in Form G and annual return before the 30th Day of April in respect of the preceding year in Form H in electronic form in the Digital Platform for the accounts maintained under clause (ii) to the Competent Authority.

(iv) All the reports and returns shall be verified and updated by the licensee at a periodic interval in the Digital Platform and the availability for site inspection time to time shall be ensured.

(v) Non-submission of the reports and returns shall lead to stoppage of dispatch of mineral till compliance of the same.

(vi) While removing the mineral from the store or factory or lapidary unit or beneficiation plant, he shall transport the material under prescribed e-transit pass generated through Digital Platform.

(vii) The licensee shall ensure that all minerals procured, stored, processed, or traded under the authority of the licence are weighed, sampled, and transported strictly in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

In particular, for any mineral dispatched from the licensee's premises, the following conditions shall apply, -

(a) the mineral shall be weighed using duly calibrated and certified weighing instruments compliant with the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and relevant BIS/NABL standards and through an approved Weighbridge integrated with

the State Government's Digital Platform so that the weight of the mineral is recorded in real time on the system;

(b) sampling shall be conducted in accordance with scientifically recognised procedures as notified by the State or Central Government or ISO standard procedures;

(c) if the licensee's operations involve bulk handling (such as a mineral stockyard or processing plant), the licensee shall install CCTV cameras with AI capability and RFID/barcode scanners at entry and exit points to monitor and record each mineral consignment. Such systems shall be networked with the digital platform and accessible to the Competent Authority for remote surveillance;

(d) all dispatches shall be recorded and transmitted in real time to the designated Digital Platform or central database using an approved Real-time Data System; and

(e) the licensee shall maintain verifiable records of each dispatch, including weight, grade, vehicle identification, and destination, for inspection and audit by the competent authority;

(viii) The licensee shall maintain all records of mineral receipt, processing (if any), and dispatch *electronically* on the digital platform. Physical registers, if maintained, must be reconciled with the digital records.

(ix) The licensee shall comply with all applicable environmental and safety regulations. A valid Environmental Clearance from MoEF (wherever applicable) and Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board shall be maintained at all times, and the licensee shall implement pollution control measures during storage and transport of minerals (such as covering of trucks, dust suppression, and spill prevention) as per CPCB guidelines.

(x) All vehicles used for transporting minerals by the licensee must possess valid Pollution-Under-Control (PUC) certificates and shall not be loaded beyond their permissible carrying capacity under the Motor Vehicles Act.

(xi) The licensee shall facilitate any inspection by the Competent Authority or authorized officer. When required by the Department, the licensee will provide access to its premises and data systems, including real-time camera feeds or analyser data, to enable remote or physical audits. Any tampering or willful interference with mandated electronic monitoring devices (like RFID tags, CCTV cameras, weighbridges or analysers) by the licensee or his agents shall be

deemed a violation of the licence terms and may lead to suspension or cancellation of the licence under rule 8.

(xii) The Competent Authority may impose the following additional conditions as may be necessary for the interest of the public, -

(a) the premises shall be enclosed by a permanent perimeter wall or boundary of a minimum height of two meters from the ground level;

(b) the premises shall have a single, designated entry and exit point;

(c) the entry and exit point shall be secured with RFID-enabled boom barriers and monitored by AI-powered cameras, which shall be integrated online and in real-time with the Digital Platform portal; and

(d) the stock of minerals within the premises shall be subject to periodic volumetric surveys using drone cameras, with the data and imagery being transmitted in real-time to the Digital Platform portal for reconciliation;

8. Rescission of Licence. - The Competent Authority may, at any time during the tenure of licence, suspend or cancel the licence for breach of any of the terms and condition of the licence:

Provided that before cancellation of the Licence, the licensee will be served a show cause notice, if the Competent Authority is satisfied with the explanation, he may withdraw the order of such suspension and allow the licensee to carry on his business, otherwise, the Competent Authority giving an opportunity of being heard to the licensee, cancel the licence by an order in writing communicated to the licensee and also shall forfeit the security deposit along with interest accrued thereon to the Government:

Provided further that in case the licensee commits similar breach of terms and conditions of the licence again, the Competent Authority shall, by an order in writing, cancel the licence issued under sub-rule (1) of rule 4.

Provided also that if a licensee persistently violates the technology-integration requirements or data reporting requirements under these rules – including failure to integrate with the Digital Platform, failure to install or use mandated devices, or tampering with any monitoring equipment – such violations shall be treated as breach of licence conditions. The Competent Authority may suspend the licence immediately in such cases, and if the licensee fails to rectify the breach within a time specified in the notice, proceed to cancel the licence after giving the licensee an opportunity of being heard.

CHAPTER - 3

REGULATION OF TRANSPORT OF THE MINERALS

9. Technological intervention in regulation of transportation of mineral vehicle. -

(1) No vehicle shall carry or transport any mineral to which the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules,2017 apply unless, the said vehicle shall be required to be registered online with the government portal in Digital Platform which may be verified from State Transport Authority or Regional Transport Office database as applicable and on the basis of the validity, the valid trucks will be allowed to carry mineral.

(2) All vehicle shall have fitted with Vehicle Tracking Unit(VTU) for Real-time location tracking of vehicles & generating alerts for route deviation who carries or transports any mineral.

(3) All mineral transport vehicle shall be fitted with RFID tags for automated identification and tracking of mineral consignments.

(4) All mineral transport vehicle shall be accompanied the e-Transit Pass generated through Digital Platform for transportation of minerals.

(5) All mineral transport vehicle shall enter in the virtual boundary enforcement for transport i.e. predefined digital routes (Geo-fencing and Route Geotagging) set up in software and alerts triggered if vehicles leave permitted zones.

(6) All mineral transport vehicle shall be monitored or weighed while in transit in check-posts or weighbridge wherever required.

10. Transporting Agent's registration -

(1) No person or a company registered under Companies Act, 2013 or firm or associations of individuals shall act as transporting agent unless he holds a valid registration certificate in appended to these rules issued by the Competent Authority of the respective mining circle.

(2) Any person or company or firm or associations of individuals who intends to engage in transportation activity, shall make an application for a transportation Agent registration in Form I through the Digital Platform developed by the Government to the Competent Authority under whose jurisdiction, the local head office of business is located and the transportation Agent registration shall be issued in Form J in the Digital Platform;

(3) Such person or company or firm or associations of individuals shall have a valid licence obtained from the State Transport Authority or such other authority as notified by the Government time to time.

(4) The application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) deposited through Treasury Challan under the Head of Account as prescribed by the Government time to time.

(5) Every applicant for grant of registration under this rule shall deposit, by way of security, a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs only) which shall be refunded if the application is not granted.

(6) The security deposit shall be forfeited to the Government if the person or the company is found to have engaged in illegal transportation of mineral ore or breached any of the conditions of registration.

(7) The applicant shall submit an affidavit with a maximum validity period of six months to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted in any Court of Law in any case relating to theft or smuggling or illegal mining or illegal transporting or illegal storage of minerals for the purpose of registration as Transporting Agent;

Provided that in case the applicant is an association of individuals or a firm or a company such certificate shall be furnished by each individual of the association or each partner of the partnership firm or, as the case may be, by the Board of Directors of the company separately:

Provided further that the Competent Authority shall verify at least 10% of such affidavits on random basis through the office of Superintendent of Police and if antecedents on verification found to be false, the transporting agent registration involving such person shall be rescinded or terminated.

(8) The transporting agents registered under this rule shall only transport mineral but shall themselves not be eligible for mineral licence under the said rules.

(9) The transporting agent shall not charge freight at a rate higher than the one notified by the Government for transportation of mineral in line with the directions issued by such Government to the State or Regional Transport Authorities in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 67 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 (59 of 1988).

(10) The lessees and licensees shall engage only those transportation agents or companies registered under these rules for transportation of minerals.

(11) The persons or companies or firm or associations of individuals so registered shall maintain correct and faithful accounts of the mineral transported and freight charged in Digital Platform;

(12) The transporting agents shall submit monthly returns on the mineral ore transported by them, freight charged and such other returns before the Competent authority as prescribed in Form- K in the digital Platform.

(13) The registration shall not be transferable and remain valid for a period of five years from the date of registration.

(14) It may be renewed for not more than five years at a time on an application made to the Competent authority along with the payment of the registration fee not less than sixty days before its expiry. On receipt of the renewal application, the Competent Authority will process it in the same manner as required for the original registration.

(15) The period of renewal of registration shall commence from the date of expiry of the registration under renewal.

(16) The Competent Authority may, at any time, during the tenure of registration, suspend the registration for breach of any of the terms and conditions of the registration. Before cancellation of the registration, the Competent authority shall serve a notice to the person or company so registered giving him the opportunity of being heard. If the Competent Authority is satisfied with the explanation, he may withdraw the order of such suspension. Otherwise, the Competent authority shall cancel the registration by an order in writing.

(17) Any person aggrieved by an order passed by the Deputy Director of Mines or the Mining Officer, as the case may be, may prefer appeal to the Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha for redress of his grievance within sixty days from the date of such order.

11. Transport of Minerals -

(1) (i) Any person intending to transport any mineral shall, prior to such dispatch, declare the quantity, nature, type, size of mineral to be despatched to a particular destination, along with details of transporter(s) and the associated mineral licence holder through the Government-designated Digital Platform.

(ii) No despatch of mineral shall be made without the generation of a valid e-Transit Pass in the Digital Platform in accordance of this rule. This pass shall constitute the sole legal authorization for transit, and no separate permit shall be required. The format and security features of the e-Transit Pass, including unique identification elements such as QR codes or barcodes, shall be as notified by the Government from time to time.

(iii) A user fee of Rs.3/- per tonne of mineral dispatched or such amount as Govt. may revise from time to time through notification, shall be levied upon the lessee or licensee. The said fee shall be credited to the Head of Account as may be notified by the Government from time to time.

(iv) All transactional records pertaining to mineral dispatch shall be maintained in real time in electronic format through the Digital Platform in administrative return as prescribed.

(2) The lessee shall, prior to the initial dispatch of minerals from any new mine, upload the geo-fencing details of the entire lease area, including the diverted forest area, where applicable, and the surface right area in Digital Platform. In order to ensure greater transparency, accuracy and real-time monitoring of mining operations, every lessee shall, at intervals of six months, upload a report showing the particulars of pit advancement and mineral stock position, duly corroborated with data, maps, and imagery obtained from drone surveys.

(3) (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, all lessees shall adopt a system of Direct Bulk Sampling and Analysis in lieu of stacking each batch of mineral, subject to installation of real-time analysers and weighment systems in the mine.

Provided that the system of Direct Bulk Sampling and Analysis aforementioned, shall be made operative within a period of fifteen months from the date of commencement of these Rules or from the date of implementation of the said system at the Mine, whichever is earlier, and till such time, the dispatches shall continue under the old system, as envisaged under rule 10 of OMPTS Rules, 2007.

Provided further that the provisions contained in this sub-rule shall not be applicable to Coal and minerals for which royalty is not levied on an ad valorem basis and in cases where grade determination is not required for the calculation of royalty or any other dues.

(ii) For the purpose of clause (i), Direct Bulk Sampling and Analysis shall include, but not be limited to, the use of Prompt Gamma Neutron Activation Analyzers (PGNAA) or Pulse Fast Thermal Neutron Activation Analyzers (PFTNAA) or Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) or X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) analysers such other continuous assay equipment as may be approved by the State Government and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Cameras, installed on conveyor belts or at weighbridges with auger based auto sampler.

(iii) Every lessee referred to in clause (i) shall, in consultation with the Director of Mines and Geology integrate the analysers, weigh-bridges, AI cameras and such other equipment as may be approved by the Government with the designated Digital Platform, so as to enable real-time streaming of both grade data and weighment figures of ore during despatch.

(iv) Once the system referred to in clause (i) has been duly established and integrated with the Digital Platform, the trip-wise readings of the analysers along with the corresponding weighment figures shall be automatically stored in the online portal and such data shall form the basis for generation and issue of transit passes under these rules. Royalty and other dues as applicable shall be deducted from the Prepaid Mineral Account of the lessee or licensee before issue of e-pass at the weighbridge or dispatch point.

Provided that, in respect of all despatches of mineral effected through a belt conveyor directly to the destination point or to a railway siding situated outside the leasehold area, the lessee shall mandatorily utilize a weightometer, duly approved by the Legal Metrology Department of the State Government, installed at a designated location within the lease boundary along the conveyor belt, together with an analyser as approved under clause (i), for the final determination of the quantity and quality of mineral despatched. The weightometer and analyser shall be fully integrated with the Digital Platform for automatic capture and transmission of weighment at the time of despatch. The quantity and quality so recorded upon generation of the relevant weightometer and analyser readings shall be deemed to be the final figures for all purposes of assessment and levy of royalty and any other applicable statutory dues under these rules.

(v) Periodic calibration and verification samples shall be collected exclusively by the officers duly authorized by the Competent Authority at a frequency of one sample for every fifty thousand tonnes of mineral dispatched or at such interval as may be determined by the Competent Authority.

(vi) The calibration samples collected under clause (v) shall be divided into three parts. The first part shall be forwarded, under joint seal and signature of the authorised officer and the lessee, to the Government laboratory for

analysis; the second part shall be handed over to the lessee; and the third part shall be retained as an umpire sample in the office of Competent Authority for a period of three months. The analysis report of the Government laboratory shall be final and shall be used for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the analyser. In case of any dispute raised by the lessee, the umpire sample shall be analysed in presence of lessee or his representative within the specified retained period. The permissible error range or tolerance limits of analysers shall be notified by the State Government from time to time, and every analyser shall be required to operate within such limits.

(vii) Where analyser readings are consistently validated by the results of the verification samples, the Competent Authority may allow the lessee to continue to undertake despatch of minerals on the basis of analyser-derived grades.

(viii) In the event of any significant discrepancy between analyser readings and verification samples, exceeding the tolerance limits notified under clause (vi), confirmed after analysis of umpire sample if disputed, the lessee shall forthwith investigate the cause of such discrepancy, undertake necessary recalibration of the analyser, and report the same to the Competent Authority. Pending satisfactory rectification, the Competent Authority may direct the lessee to stop the dispatch of the mineral transportation through that analyser.

Explanation - For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that the Government shall issue detailed guidelines from time to time regarding the approved models of analysers, calibration protocols, permissible error tolerances, formats of data reporting, and such other technical or procedural requirements as may be considered necessary for effective implementation of this rule.

(4) Every carrier of mineral, after completion of loading and weighment at the designated weighbridge or dispatch point, shall obtain an e-transit pass generated from the Digital Platform. Such pass shall be issued in **Form L** for despatches by a lessee from a mine, and in **Form M** for despatches by a mineral licensee from a storage depot or processing plant, as prescribed under these rules. Each e-transit pass shall be stored digitally and a printout or digital copy containing a tamper-evident QR code or barcode may accompany the vehicle,

bearing a unique identification number, reference to the associated pass and such particulars as quantity, grade, source, destination, vehicle registration number, date and time of generation, as may be specified by the Government.

(5) Every e-transit pass generated under sub-rule (4) shall be digitally authenticated by the system and shall carry a unique identification number, pass number and QR code or barcode. The online record of such e-transit passes maintained on the Digital Platform shall be deemed to constitute intimation to the authorities, and no separate manual submission of copies to the concerned circle mining office shall be required.

(6) The concerned Mining Officer or Deputy Director of Mines shall access and monitor, on a daily basis, the record of mineral transportation available on the Digital Platform, which shall maintain a secure log of all e-transit passes issued. The Competent Authority shall conduct periodic audits of such data to verify compliance and detect any irregularities.

(7) All despatches of minerals in carriers, except those by rails or aerial ropeway or slurry pipeline, shall be accompanied with transit pass generated through Digital Platform.

Provided that in case of transport of mineral by holder of reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence for test purpose or transport of minerals purchased by auction, in addition to transit pass, a special permission may be issued by the Competent Authority.

Provided further that Government shall notify the guidelines and procedures to be adopted in case of despatch of mineral through slurry pipeline for the purpose of determination of quantity & quality of mineral transported.

(8) (i) All despatches to a railway siding located within the lease area shall mandatorily pass through a belt conveyor or weighbridge equipped with Prompt Gamma Neutron Activation Analyzers (PGNAA), Pulse Fast Thermal Neutron Activation Analyzers (PFTNA), Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS), X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzers, or such other continuous assay equipment as may be approved by the State Government, along with Artificial Intelligence (AI) Cameras, for recording and determination of grade.

(ii) The lessee shall report every transaction of despatch by rail in the Digital Platform immediately after generation of the Railway Receipt (RR). The quantity of mineral stated in the Railway Receipt shall be deemed to be the quantity

despatched from the lease area and shall be taken into account for the purpose of levy of royalty and all other applicable statutory dues.

(9) All despatch through railway siding shall be integrated with freight operations information systems (FOIS) of Indian railways.

(10) During surprise check inside railway siding, any significant upward deviation in the grade of mineral if observed, then the lessee shall be liable for payment of differential royalty along with other applicable dues.

(11) For the purpose of implementing digital monitoring and transportation of minerals from a lease hold area, -

(i) every lessee shall establish automated check-point arrangements at the entry or exit gate(s) of the lease area or at the designated dispatch point, in accordance with the provisions of this rule;

(ii) the automated check-point shall include an RFID reader installed at the entry or exit gate to read the RFID tag of each vehicle carrying minerals. The RFID system shall be integrated with the Digital Platform for verification of vehicle identity and validation of the e-transit pass; and

(iii) an automated boom barrier or equivalent automated gate control shall be installed at the entry or exit gate, which shall remain closed and lift automatically only when the system confirms that, -

(a) a valid e-transit pass exists for the loaded vehicle;

(b) the vehicle's weight is within the approved limit; and

(c) the dispatch is within the permitted hours, where such restriction is imposed by the Government. Where any of these conditions is not met, the barrier shall not open, and an alert shall be generated to the mine management and the jurisdictional Mining Office;

(iv) high-resolution CCTV cameras with Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities, including Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and vehicle counting shall be installed at the entry or exit gate to capture front and rear images of each vehicle. The number plate identified by the AI system shall be matched with the vehicle number entered in the e-transit pass, and any mismatch shall generate an alert for investigation;

(v) data generated by RFID readers, barrier controls, cameras, weighment devices and the Digital Platform—including readings, validation logs, images, timestamps, and weights—shall be transmitted in real time to the central server of the Digital Platform and made accessible to the

Department through a monitoring dashboard. Such data shall be retained on the Digital Platform for a minimum period of two years for audit and post-facto analysis, and thereafter shall be archived with proper cataloguing for future reference.

(vi) the Government may, from time to time, issue detailed guidelines prescribing technical specifications for RFID tags, camera resolution, AI software, barrier automation, and related infrastructure, for the purpose of ensuring standardisation.

(12) It shall be the responsibility of the lessee to maintain the automated check-gate systems in working order at all times. Any malfunction shall be immediately reported on the Digital Platform and to the jurisdictional Mining Officer. During system outage, the lessee shall resort to manual gate control and maintain a written log of all vehicle exits, ensuring that no vehicle is allowed to exit without a physical transit pass and prior weighment. The lessee shall restore the automated system within a reasonable time. Persistent failure or deliberate non-use of the installed system shall be deemed a violation of these rules and shall attract penal action under the provisions of these rules.

(13) (i) Any mineral license holder desiring to procure mineral from outside the state shall, prior to such dispatch, declare the quantity, nature, type, size of mineral to be despatched along with details of source, transporter and the associated mineral licence holder through the Digital Platform.

(ii) Every mineral carrier entering the State shall possess a valid e-Transit Pass, generated through the Digital Platform. The pass must contain a tamper-evident QR code or barcode with a unique identification number and reference to the associated transit authorization. It shall also include specified particulars such as quantity, grade, source, destination, vehicle registration number, and the date and time of generation, as specified by the Government.

(iii) The mineral carrier entering the State shall be accompanied with a valid e-way bill generated from the e-way bill common portal under GST System.

(14) The Government may by order impose such restriction, from time to time, to check illegal transportation and storage of minerals as and when required.

12. Establishment of check post, barrier and weighbridge and inspection of mineral in transit-

(1) With a view to check the transport and storage of minerals raised without lawful authority and to check the quality and quantity of minerals transported from leasehold areas and depot, the Government may set up check post (s) with or without barrier(s) and weighbridge(s) at any place within the State.

(2) The following officers or any other officer authorized by the State Government on this behalf may stop and check any carrier at any place within their respective jurisdiction by advanced software systems, IoT devices and AI-powered platform that automate record inspections and compliance check in real time as notified by government from time to time.

	Designation of the officer	**Jurisdiction**
(i)	Director of Mines & Geology	Whole of the State
(ii)	Addl. Director of Mines	Whole of the State
(iii)	Joint Director, Mines	Whole of the State
(iv)	Deputy Director of Mines / Mining Officer / Assistant Mining Officer / Junior Mining Officer (Headquarters)	Whole of the State
(v)	Collectors	Within their respective districts
(vi)	Deputy Director of Mines / Mining Officer/ Assistant Mining Officer/ Circle Junior Mining Officer	Within their respective districts
(vii)	Forest officer not below the rank of Range officer	Respective jurisdiction
(viii)	Check gate Clerk	Respective jurisdiction
(ix)	Any other officer authorized by the Collector	Within the concerned district
(x)	Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police	Respective jurisdiction

(3) The person in charge of the carrier shall furnish the valid transit pass and other particulars such as bill(s) or receipt(s) or delivery note(s) on demand either in physical copy or in electronic form such as a QR code on a mobile device or RFID tags and any other means as notified by government from time to time.

(4) The State Government shall endeavor to equip all mineral check-gates (including interstate border check-posts within Odisha) with modern technology like weighing-motion bridges, CCTV surveillance, RFID scanners, vehicle auto-

identification systems, and geotagged. The data from such check-posts shall be fed into the online Digital Platform in real time to track the movement of mineral-laden vehicles. Any vehicle carrying minerals that is not recorded in the online Digital Platform with a valid e-pass shall be flagged automatically for interception. The officials manning the check-post are required to refer to the digital data (via handheld devices or computer terminals) to verify the authenticity of the transit pass and consignment details, rather than relying solely on paper documents.

(5) Every holder of Mining lease and or licence shall provide necessary assistance to the authorized officer to inspect, verify and check the stocks and accounts of minerals and any other documents pertaining thereto and draw samples. He shall be responsible for providing necessary assistance and co-operation to the concerned authority for checking and inspection of the carrier within the geo-fenced boundary and during transit.

(6) Every holder of a mining lease and/ or licence shall hand over e-Transit Pass in physical or transfer the same in electronic form to the in-charge of the carrier transporting mineral from the mines or depot and all records shall be kept with the lessee or licence, as decided by government time to time.

Provided that where an integrated electronic check-point is established by the Government with automated scanning of e-Transit Pass details (such as at interstate borders or strategic locations), the requirement of handing over physical copies is dispensed with – the data will be captured electronically by the check-point system.

(7) All carrier will normally pass through check post(s) or check post-cum-weighbridge(s) of the Department or the other weighbridge(s) installed in leasehold area or plant or factory premises of the licensee approved by the Director of Mines & Geology in the prescribed **Form-P**. All applications for approval of weighbridge shall be made in **Form-O.** Government will engage checking staff to supervise the weighment of other weighbridges and the expenditure on this account will be borne by the weighbridge owner. If the quantity of the mineral in the carriers, as recorded in the other weighbridge(s) are found lower than the actual quantity of the mineral on subsequent checking, the permission for operation of the weighbridge shall be suspended for a period not exceeding thirty days by the concerned Deputy Director of Mines/ Mining Officer. In case of repetition of such discrepancy, the permission for operation of the weighbridge shall be withdrawn by the Director of Mines & Geology.

(8) All the carriers shall be fitted with RFID tags and their digital records are verified near the check post or weighbridge. The carriers shall be further fitted with GPS enable device which will be tracked in on line platform in integrating the VAHAN and other relevant modules of the Transport Department.

(9) Government shall establish the check posts or weighbridges with all facilities as per sub-rule (11) of rule 11.

(10) The owner of the weighbridge shall keep the weighbridge in perfect working condition and any break down or malfunctioning shall be reported forthwith to the concerned Deputy Director of Mines or Mining Officer.

(11) The working hours of each check post, with or without barrier or weighbridge shall be announced in advance by the Deputy Director of Mines or Mining Officer, as the case may be, and shall be commensurate with general requirement of the mineral traffic in that sector. The Director of Mines & Geology may review the time schedule so fixed periodically.

(12) (i) Where there is a weighbridge of Government or other near the check post, the quantity of mineral transported shall be ascertained through weighment;

(ii) The lessee or licensee shall pay to the Government the weighment charges for weighment of the mineral in a Government weighbridge at the rate prescribed by the Government from time to time in advance by 15th day of every month. In case of default in advance payment, he shall pay simple interest at the rate fixed by the Government from time to time.

(iii) Where there is no weighbridge close to the check post, the volume of mineral will be measured and converted to tones by applying the standard conversion factor for the mineral of particular mines to arrive at the quantity transported. The standard conversion factor will be obtained by test check taking average of few truck loads selected at random either at the nearest Government weighbridge or by any other suitable weighing method from time to time by the Mining Officer or Deputy Director of Mines concerned.

(13) The Government checking staff in-charge of check post and/or weighbridge may verify the digital records of transit pass or any other documents as notified by government time to time and collect evidence if any discrepancies is noticed.

(14) Any discrepancy noticed at a check-point (such as overloading, forged documents, or illegal possession of minerals) shall immediately be recorded on the Digital Platform by the intercepting officer, along with the vehicle details and evidence collected, to ensure a transparent trail of enforcement actions.

(15) If the government checking staff in-charge of check post and or weighbridge has reasons to believe that the mineral is not covered by transit pass/any other documents (as notified by government time to time) or the transportation is without the same valid document, such Officer shall detain the vehicle. On intimation to the Competent Authority by the government checking staff in-charge of check post or weighbridge, the Competent Authority or any other authorized Officer shall seize the mineral(s), vehicle(s), tool(s), equipment(s) or any other thing(s) used in transport of minerals under rule 12 of the said rule and follow all procedures therein as required.

CHAPTER – 4

SEIZURE, CONFISCATION, COMPOUNDING, APPEALS AND PENALTIES

13. Seizure and Confiscation -

(1) The Competent Authority or any other officer specially authorized in this behalf by the Government shall seize under sub-section (4) of Section 21 of the Act, any mineral(s) raised, transported, or caused to be raised or transported, stored, sold, supplied, distributed, delivered for sale or processed without any lawful authority and also the tool(s), equipment(s), vehicle(s) or any other thing(s) used for the said purpose.

(2) After seizing any property under sub-rule (1), he shall keep such property under his custody with proper official seal and with detailed information in **Form N** indicating that the same has been seized by him and shall, except where the offender agrees in writing to get the offence compounded, either produce the same before the Competent Authority having jurisdiction or make a report of such seizure to the court competent to take cognizance of the offence and the court will try the offence on account of which the seizure has been made.

Provided that the officer seizing any mineral or carrier under sub-rule (1) shall, as far as practicable, document the seizure through the Digital Platform on site. The officer shall upload the details of the seizure including the date, time, location including GPS coordinates where available, description of mineral and estimated quantity with supporting photographs, and details of the carrier along with vehicle registration, driver name etc. into the online system. A system-generated receipt or acknowledgment of seizure shall be furnished to the person from whom the seizure is made. The online seizure report shall be accessible to the Competent Authority and shall constitute the official record for all further

proceedings, including compounding, prosecution, or confiscation, as the case may be.

(3) In case the offender applies in writing for compounding the offence, the officer who has seized the property shall, if he is the Competent Authority, proceed under rule 17 and, if he is not the Competent Authority, he shall make a report, in writing to the Competent Authority along with all records.

(4) Upon receipt of any report under sub-rule (2), the court shall, except where the offence has been compounded, take such measures, as may be necessary, for arrest and trial of the offender and disposal of the property according to law.

(5) The Competent Authority or authorized officer may use portable analytical devices, such as handheld XRF or LIBS analysers or field test kits, to conduct a preliminary assessment of the mineral type or grade at the time of seizure. If such tests are conducted, the results, along with the device identifier, shall be recorded in the seizure report. These field test results shall not be treated as conclusive evidence for prosecution but may be used to guide further action and may be corroborated with laboratory analysis at a later stage.

(6) The minerals, which are the property of government and in respect of which an offence has been committed, shall be liable for confiscation including all tools, machineries and vehicle by an order of the court.

(7) When the trial of any offence is concluded, the mineral(s) in respect of which such offence(s) have been committed shall, if it is the property of Government or have been confiscated, be taken to charge of by the Competent Authority, and in any other case may be disposed of in such manner as the Court or the Competent Authority, may direct including by electronic auction or any transparent online process, if deemed appropriate.

(8) Where the Competent Authority is of the opinion that an offence was committed in respect of any mineral and the offender is not known or cannot be found, he may take possession and confiscate the mineral(s), tool(s), machinery(s) and shall dispose of the same through public auction or in such manner as the Government may decide:

Provided that before making any such order, the Competent Authority shall cause a notice to be served upon any person, who, he has the reason to believe, is interested in the mineral property seized or shall publish such notice in such manner as deemed fit:

Provided further that no such order shall be made until the expiration of one month from the date of seizure or without hearing the person, if any, claiming any right thereto and the evidence, if any, which he may produce in support of his claim. In the event of the claim for the mineral property, the Competent Authority shall refer the matter to the Court of jurisdiction and dispose of accordingly.

(9) Any person claiming to be interested in the seized property may, within one month from the date of the order passed under sub-rules (4), (6), (7) and (8), prefer an appeal to the Court to which orders so made are appealable and order passed on such appeal shall be final.

(10) When an order for consideration of any property has been passed under sub-rules (6) or (8), as the case may be, and the period limited by sub-rule (9) for filling an appeal from such order has elapsed, and no such appeal has been preferred or when, on such an appeal being preferred, the appellate court confirms such order in respect of the whole or a portion of such property, such property or such portion thereof, as the case may be, shall vest in the Government free from all encumbrances.

14. Release of Property by Competent Authority - Nothing in these rules shall be deemed to prevent the Competent Authority from directing at any time the immediate release of any property seized under sub-rule (1) of Rule 13 and the withdrawal of any charge made in respect of such property in accordance with the provisions of Section 360 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023;

Provided that where a report has been made to the competent court of the property seized, the Competent Authority shall not release the property without the consent in writing of such court, if a case is pending before the same.

15. Confiscation not to bar imposition of other penalties - An order of confiscation made under sub-rules (6) and (7) of Rule 13 shall not be bar to the imposition of any other penalty to which the offender is liable under the Act and rules made under it.

16. Cognizance of Offence - No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under the Act except upon any complaint in writing is made by the Competent Authority or person authorized in this behalf by the Government.

17. Compounding of Offences -

(1) On receipt of written application from the accused person, the Competent Authority may, in exercise of its powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 23A of the Act, compound the offence either before or after the

institution of prosecution, on payment of such sum, as the Competent Authority may specify with prior approval of the Director of Mines & Geology. The amount so collected shall be credited to the Government under the head of account specified under sub-rule (2) of rule 4.

(2) After the offence is compounded and the accused person is not interested to pay for the property seized or the Competent Authority is of the opinion that such property shall not be released in favour of the accused, he shall not compound the offence and take charge of the seized property and dispose it of by public auction or as per the directions of the Government.

(3) Where an offence is compounded under sub-rule (1), no proceeding or further proceedings, as the case may be, shall be taken against the offender in respect of the offence so compounded and the offender, if in custody, shall be released forthwith.

(4) Any sum of money ordered to be paid as compounding fee under this rule shall be payable through the online portal (Digital Platform) or designated e-payment modes. The offender shall be provided a system-generated receipt for the compounding payment. The compounding order, once passed by the Competent Authority, shall be uploaded to the Digital Platform and linked to the records of the offender (such as their licence or lease account) for future reference. Failure to pay the compounding amount within the time specified in the order will automatically re-open the offence for legal proceedings, unless extended by the Competent Authority for recorded reasons.

(5) The Competent Authority shall maintain a register in Form Q in digital platform mentioning therein the details of every offence compounded by him under these rules and submit a monthly return to the Director of Mines and Geology.

18. Appeal -

(1) Any person aggrieved by any order of the Competent Authority made under these rules, may within sixty days from the date of receipt of the relevant order, prefer an appeal in **Form R** to the Director of Mines & Geology if the order is passed by the Deputy Director of Mines or Mining Officer and to the Government in the department of Steel and Mines, if the order is passed by the Director of Mines and Geology.

(2) The appellate authority may entertain the appeal after expiry of period of sixty days, if the appellant satisfies the appellate authority that he was prevented by sufficient cause from filling the appeal in time.

(3) Every application for appeal shall be accompanied with a non-refundable fee of rupees ten thousand only to be deposited under the head of account under sub-rule (2) of rule4.

(4) The Appellate authority may, after giving an opportunity of being heard and for reasons to be recorded in writing and communicated to the applicant, dispose of the appeal within a period of two months from the date of its filling.

(5) Any order passed by the Competent Authority under these Rules shall, subject to the orders passed in appeal under sub-rule (4), be final.

(6) The appellate authority shall leverage the electronic records available on Digital Platform while disposing of the appeal. All relevant documents, evidences, and reports pertaining to the case shall be accessed from the system wherever possible. The hearing proceedings and final appellate orders should also be updated in the Digital Platform so that the outcome is reflected against the original case entry.

19. Revision - The Authority empowered to entertain appeal under **rule 18** may, 'suo motu' or on a reference made to it, revise any order passed by the Competent Authority within a period of six months from the date of issue of such order:

Provided that before passing any order under this rule, the person likely to be adversely affected by such order shall be given an opportunity of being heard.

20. Penalties -

(1) Whoever undertakes or causes to undertake illegal mining, transports or stores any mineral otherwise than with the provisions of sections 4 (1) and or 4(1A) of the Act is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both and in the case of continuance of such illegal activity with an additional fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for each day during which such illegal activity continues after conviction for the first such contravention.

(2) Whoever Contravenes any of the provisions of these rules shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two year or with fine only which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both and in the case of continuation of contravention with an additional fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for each day during which such contravention continued after conviction for the first such contravention.

(3) Whenever any leaseholder or licensee transports the mineral raised in his lease without a valid transit pass or in contravention of the quantity and quality

mentioned in the transit pass, it shall be treated as violation of the provisions of these rules and breach of the covenants of the lease and shall be liable for penalty as provided.

(4) If any person, with an intent to deceive or evade the regulations, damages, destroys, or circumvents any technological installation or digital system implemented under these rules – such as tearing or removing an RFID tag, obstructing or moving a CCTV/AI camera, hacking or manipulating the Digital Platform database, or tampering with a weighbridge or analyzer – then, without prejudice to any punishment under sub-rules (1) to (3) above or any other law, such act shall itself constitute an offence. Upon conviction, the person shall be punishable with imprisonment up to one year, or fine up to Rs. one lakh or both. In the case of a licensee or lessee, such misconduct shall also be grounds for cancellation of their licence or lease after due inquiry.

Provided that, in order to prevent any loss of revenues to State, all dispatch of minerals shall be suspended till conclusion of inquiry and compliance to imposed penalty:

Provided further that all inquiries shall be completed within 10 days of detection of non-compliance. In case the inquiry is not completed within the stipulated time, the lessee shall have the right to apply for dispatches, pending inquiry and action.

Explanation: Tampering with enforcement devices will be treated on par with abetting illegal mining or transport, as it directly aims to facilitate illicit removal or misreporting of minerals.

CHAPTER - 5

MISCELLANEOUS

21. Online Communications, Transactions and Data Integration –

(1) Submissions of applications for grant and renewal of Mineral licence, acknowledgement of application for licence or renewal, disposal of applications, submissions of accounts, cancellation or suspension of licences, generation of e-transit pass , all payments to be made to Government and submissions of returns shall be made online through the Digital Platform or such other centralized electronic platform as designated by the Government.

(2) The State Government shall endeavour to integrate the Digital Platform portal with relevant national and state electronic systems to facilitate seamless

exchange of data and to ease compliance for stakeholders. This includes integration with, -

(a) the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) online reporting system under the MCDR, 2017 so that production, dispatch, and stock return data submitted in Digital Platform can be automatically transmitted to IBM in lieu of or in addition to separate monthly/annual returns;

(b) the GST/e-waybill system for ensuring reconciliation of mineral transactions, correctness of declared sale value and tax compliance;

(c) the VAHAN and other relevant modules of the Transport Department to verify vehicle registration, fitness, and permit status for vehicles used in mineral transport (thereby enforcing provisions like pollution control and weight limits via technology);

(d) the State Pollution Control Board's monitoring systems (such as emission or particulate monitoring at mines, if any) to flag non-compliance with environmental conditions; and

(e) any other systems of DGMS or other regulatory agencies (for example, to share information on mine safety incidents or to receive alerts on unsafe conditions).

(3) The data-sharing shall be done in a secure manner as per data privacy norms, and primarily for the purpose of enhancing governance and reducing duplicate compliance work for mine operators. The Government may, by order, specify protocols for such integration. The licensees and lessees shall cooperate by providing any additional data or formats required for effectuating these integrations.

22. Transparency and Public Disclosure - The Government shall publish, on a periodic basis (for instance, via an open data portal or the Department's website), summary information generated from the Digital Platform about mining activities in the State – such as total mineral production, number of e-passes issued, cases of illegal mining detected, revenue collected, etc. – to promote transparency and public accountability. However, any confidential business information shall be protected in accordance with law.

23. Rewards on the seized minerals - Appropriate reward will be paid to the officer (s) and informer (s) out of the sale proceeds of the seized mineral(s) as per the guidelines to be issued separately by the Government.

24. **Reward for Information** - The State Government may, by general or special order, introduce a reward system for informants (including automated reports from systems) who provide credible information leading to detection of offences under these rules. Any such reward shall be paid from the fines or user fees collected, as per guidelines notified. This is to encourage public participation and the use of technological alerts in curbing illegal mining.

25. **Exemption -** The Government may through an order, exempt any person or class of persons from the purview of any of the provision(s) of these rules for the purpose of scientific test and research work only.

26. **Relaxation -** The Government may, by an order in writing, relax the provision of these rules, to such extent and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the said order, as it may consider expedient or necessary for facilitating procurement, storage and transportation of minerals and purposes connected therewith in the interest of regulating, trading, storage and transportation.

27. **Protection of Action taken under these rules -**

(1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any officer of the Government for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of these rules.

(2) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the government for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of these rules or any order made there under.

28. **Repeal & Savings -**

(1) On the commencement of these rules, the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling & Illegal Mining and Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading and Transportation) Rules, 2007 shall cease to be inforce except as regards things, done or omitted to be done before such commencement.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these rules, things done, actions taken, or orders passed under the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling & Illegal Mining and Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading and Transportation) Rules, 2007 shall be deemed to have been done, taken or passed under these rules.

(3) All Acts done, proceeding taken or notification or orders issued and sentences passed under the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling & Illegal Mining and Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading and Transportation) Rules, 2007 shall be valid and operative as if they had been done, taken ,

passed in accordance with the provisions of these rules, and no suit or legal proceedings shall be maintained or continued against any person whatsoever , on the ground that any such acts, proceedings or sentences were not done, taken or passed in accordance with the provision of these rules.

FORM A

[(See Rule 4(1)]

(Application for Mineral licence and renewal)

1. Name of applicant for licence (in full) :
2. Profession :
3. Full address of Company or firm :

4. Father's name in full (in case of firm, give names and address of partners and person holding powers of attorney to act on behalf of the firm) :

5. Specific place (location of the plant) or places of business (in case of depot for storing of mineral, document in support of ownership of the land or consent of the owner of the land shall be enclosed):

6. Financial status with details of person, i.e. property, annual payment of Income tax and any other relevant evidence regarding financial status :

7. Specific purpose for which licence is applied for (processing/storing/ trading) :
8. Name of mineral/ore for which licence is required:
9. Evidence of payment of application fee :
10. Name and address of persons / companies / firms from whom the mineral/ores will be purchased/procured :
11. Period for which licence is required :

12. In case of renewal, the number and date of Original licence. :
13. Detail of PAN No. and Annual Income Tax Return :

14. Affidavit as per Rule :

15. GST Registration Certificate and update GST Return :
16. Attested copy of Consent to Operate issued by State Pollution Control Board :

17. Any special ground for grant of licence in favour of the applicant. :

18. List of enclosures :

(i)

(ii)

DECLARATION

I/We hereby declare that I/We have read and understood all the provisions of the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining and Regulation of Trading, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2025 and the conditions of the licence and, I/We agree to abide by the same.

Date:

Place:

Signature of the Applicant

Note: An application not complete in all respect as prescribed under the rules, shall not be received & entertained to the applicant, if not submitted in digital platform.

Form –B

[See Rule – 4 (3) (vii)]

Application for issue of MDCC for the purpose of grant / renewal of Mineral Licence by each partner of a partnership firm and/or the Board of Directors in case of Pvt. Ltd. Companies.

1. Name of the Lessee:
2. Name of the Applicant (Authorized Representative):
3. Full Address of the Applicant:
4. Date of application:
5. Particulars of each partner (in case of Partnership Firm):
   a.
   b.
   c.
6. Particulars of Board of Directors (in case of Companies) :
   a.
   b.
   c.
7. Particulars of Mining Lease(s) held by the lessee in the State of Odisha (Major and Specified Minor Mineral):

Name of the Mining Lease	Name of the Circle	Particulars of the Mineral	Area (in ha)	Status of operation (Working / Non-Working)	Status of validity of the Lease
1	2	3	4	5	6

8. Particulars of Plant(s) owned by the lessee inside and outside the State:

Name of the Plant	Particulars of the Location & State	Particulars of the Mineral(s) processed	Particulars of the Licence No. issued by Steel & Mines Dept., Odisha	Validity of the Licence	Operational Status of the Plant
1	2	3	4	5	6

9. Particulars of the Storage Yard held by lessee in the State:

Name of the Storage Yard	Particulars of the Location & State	Particulars of the Mineral(s) stored.	Particulars of the Licence No. issued by Steel & Mines Dept., Odisha	Validity of the Licence	Operational Status of the Storage Yard.
1	2	3	4	5	6

10. Particulars of the Mineral licence (Trading) held by lessee in the State:

Particulars of the Mineral licence	Location of Business Transaction	Particulars of the Mineral(s)	Particulars of the Licence No. issued by Steel & Mines Dept., Odisha	Validity of the Licence	Operational Status of Mineral licence.
1	2	3	4	5	6

11. Particulars of the Plant / Storage Yard / any other Mineral licence for which MDCC is required:

Particulars of the Plant / Storage Yard / any other Mineral licence	Particulars of the Location & State	Particulars of the Mineral(s)	Particulars of the Licence No. issued by Steel & Mines Dept., Odisha	Validity of the Licence	Operational Status
1	2	3	4	5	6

12. Status of outstanding dues in respect of each lease owned by the lessee:
    a.
    b.
    c.
13. Status of outstanding dues sub-judice in different courts of law in respect of each lease:
    a.
    b.
    c.

14. Status of outstanding dues sub-judice in respect of each lease before Revision Authority:
    a.
    b.
    c.

15. Status of outstanding dues yet to be settled by Audit in respect of each lease:
    a.
    b.
    c.

16. Status of outstanding dues yet to be settled by the District Magistrate and Collector (Certificate Cases under OPDR Act/Rule) in respect of each lease:
    a.
    b.
    c.

17. In cases of outstanding dues sub-judice at different Court of Laws/ Tribunals/ Quasi Judicial Authorities :
    i. Extract of the prayer made (mutatis-mutandis) against the demand- ii. Interim relief granted by the Court of Laws/ Tribunals/ Quasi Judicial Authorities.

18. Affidavit as regards the pending dues in the prescribed format:
    (To be attached with the Application Form).

Signature of the Applicant (Authorized Representative of the Lessee)

Form –C

[See Rule – 4 (3) (vii)]

DIRECTORATE OF MINES & GEOLOGY

ODISHA

MDCC NO. Dt.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify, in exercise of the authority under the provisions of Rule 4(3)(vii) of the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining and Regulation of Trading, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2025, that no mining dues, is outstanding against _____, the lessee subject to the following:*

a. It is clarified that this may not be construed as no dues certificate for the purpose of compliance under Rule 21 (2) (b) of the MCR, 2016 (surrender of mines) or any other purpose except for which it is specifically applied.
b. The lessee has dues amounting to Rs._____which have been stayed or kept in abeyance by the Court/Tribunals/ Quasi-Judicial Authority and the dues amounting to Rs_____ is awaiting settlement by audit.
c. The lessee undertakes to deposit forthwith the dues stayed by the Court of law/ RA/ other lawful authorities & dues awaiting settlement by audit on the same attaining finality.

This certificate is valid for a period of _____ months with effect from the date of approval. The grant of a clearance certificate shall not discharge the holder of such certificate from the liability to pay the mining dues which may subsequently be found to be payable by him under the Act or the rules made thereunder.

DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY

(ODISHA)

Accepted

Authorised Representative of M/s._____ (Lessee)

*(N.B.: A demand of ₹…… has been raised against the lessee (name)……. The aforementioned demand has been challenged by the lessee in W.P.C (C) No…….. which is sub-judice. The Hon'ble _____Court /

_____Tribunal have been pleased to direct vide order dated _____ not to take coercive action/maintain status quo/ directed stay of operation of the demands. Therefore, in obedience to order of the Hon'ble Court, this demand is not being treated as an outstanding dues but shall continue to remain a demand till decided finally by the Courts/Tribunals.

Provided also that the grant of a clearance certificate shall not discharge the holder of such certificate from the liability to pay the mining dues which may subsequently be found to be payable by him under the Act or the rules made thereunder.

FORM D

[(See Rule 4(4)]

(Acknowledgement of receipt of application for Mineral Licence and its renewal)

Received . . . . copies of applications for grant of licence for possessing / storing / trading . . . . . (Name of Mineral / Ore) Ore/Mineral from Shri/Smt./M/s. . . . . S/o . . . . . resident of . . . . P.O.. . . . . P.S. . . . . District . . . . . on . . . . . day of . . . . (month) . . . . (year) with the following enclosures,

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

Signature of the Competent Authority

Memo No.. . . . . date . . . . . .

To

Shri / Smt. / M/s . . . . (Address) . . . . .

FORM E
[See Rule 5(1)]
(Register of application for Grant of Mineral licence and its renewal)

SL N.	Date of receipt of application	Name of applicant	Address of applicant	Name of Mineral/ Ores	Place of processing/ storing/ Trading	Date of Grant
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Date of Refusal	Date of appeal, if any	Date of disposal of appeal	Brief orders on appeal	Date of expiry of licence, if granted	Date of application for renewal	Date of grant of renewal	Period of renewal	Remarks
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

FORM F

Grant of Mineral licence and its renewal

[(See Rule 5(4) and Rule 6(1)]

Licence No. . . . . .. date . . . .

1. Name of the licensee (in full) :
2. Full address :

3. Father's name in full (in case of firm, names and address of partners and persons holding power of attorney to act on behalf of the firm) :

4. Profession of the licensee :

5. Specific place or places of business within the jurisdiction of the Competent Authority :

6. Specific purpose for which licence is granted :

7. Name of mineral/ore covered under the licence :

8. Particulars of payment of application fee :

Challan No. : Date :

Amount (Rs.) :

9. Particulars of payment of security deposit: Name of the Post Office: Account No.: Amount :

10. Name and address of person/firm from whom the mineral/ore will be purchased / procured :

11. Period of licence: From . . . . .. to . . . . . : 12. If it is a case of renewal the number and date of grant of the original licence :

13. No. and date of application for this licence :

Date of grant:

Signature of the Competent Authority to grant licences with designation and address

FORM - G
Monthly Return

[See Rule 7 (iii)]

(Account of mineral procurement, fed to plant and their recovery, onward transportation to be submitted monthly)

1. Name of the licensee :
2. Full Address :
3. No. and date of licence :
4. Period of licence : From . . . . . To . . . . . .
5. Name of the mineral / ore :
6. Place of business :

7. Competent Authority under whose jurisdiction the mineral/ore is possessing / storing / trading :

Name of the Month	Date	Grade wise opening balance of mineral/ ore at the plant / store (in tonnes)	Grade wise quantity of ores /mineral received (in tonnes)	Source of Procurement	Total stock of ore/ mineral (in tonnes)	Grade wise quantity or Ores/ minerals consumed / sold / despatched (in tonnes	Bulk quantity declaration and related e-Transit Pass No. & date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Grade wise closing balance of ore/mineral at the store or factory site	Opening balance of crude mineral/ ore at the processing plant beneficiation plant lapidary unit (in tonnes)	Source wise quantity of crude mineral/ ore received at processing plant/ beneficiation plant/ lapidary unit	Quantity of crude ore/ mineral fed to the processing plant/ beneficiation plant/ lapidary unit	Closing balance of crude mineral/ ore at the processing plant/ beneficiation plant/lapidary (in tonnes) [Col. (10) + (11) - (12)]	Opening balance of processed mineral/ ore at the processing plant/beneficiation plant/lapidary unit(in tonnes)
9	10	11	12	13	14

Quantity of ore/mineral recovered after processing beneficiation	Quantity of processed/ beneficiated ore/mineral despatched or consumed	Closing balance of processed / beneficiated ore / mineral [Col. (14) + (15) - (16)]	Name of the buyer(s) with destination	Quantity of despatch (buyer wise)	Transit pass against the declaration quantity in bulk. and date	Remarks
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Place :

Date of Declaration of the Return :

(Appropriate unit for weight of mineral like gemstone is to be used)

Signature of the licensee

FORM- H

Monthly Return

[See Rule 7 (iii)]

(Account of mineral procurement, fed to plant and their recovery, onward transportation to be submitted monthly)

1. Name of the licensee :
2. Full Address :
3. No. and date of licence :
4. Period of licence : From . . . . . To . . . . . .
5. Name of the mineral / ore :
6. Place of business :
7. Competent Authority under whose jurisdiction the mineral/ore is possessing / storing / trading :

Name of the Financial Year	Month	Grade wise opening balance of mineral/ ore at the plant / store (in tonnes)	Grade wise quantity of ores /mineral received (in tonnes)	Source of Procurement	Total stock of ore/ mineral (in tonnes)	Grade wise quantity or Ores/ minerals consumed / sold / despatched (in tonnes	Bulk quantity declaration and related e-Transit Pass No. & date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Grade wise closing balance of ore/mineral at the store or factory site	Opening balance of crude mineral/ ore at the processing plant beneficiation plant lapidary unit (in tonnes)	Source wise quantity of crude mineral/ ore received at processing plant/ beneficiation plant/ lapidary unit	Quantity of crude ore/ mineral fed to the processing plant/ beneficiation plant/ lapidary unit	Closing balance of crude mineral/ ore at the processing plant/ beneficiation plant/lapidary (in tonnes) [Col. (10) + (11) - (12)]	Opening balance of processed mineral/ ore at the processing plant/beneficiation plant/lapidary unit(in tonnes)
9	10	11	12	13	14

Quantity of ore/mineral recovered after processing beneficiation	Quantity of processed/ beneficiated ore/mineral despatched or consumed	Closing balance of processed / beneficiated ore / mineral [Col. (14) + (15) - (16)]	Name of the buyer(s) with destination	Quantity of despatch (buyer wise)	Transit pass against the declaration quantity in bulk. and date	Remarks
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Place :

Date of Declaration of the Return :

(Appropriate unit for weight of mineral like gemstone is to be used)

Signature of the licensee

FORM -I

[See Rule 10(2)]

APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AGENT REGISTRATION

Application Number : Application Date : Circle :

Basic Info

Name of the Transporter	:	Registration Number	:
Full Name of Applicant	:	Name of Father/Husband	:
Village/Street	:	Post Office/Town	:
Police Station	:	District	:
State	:	E-Mail Id	:
Phone No.(Mobile)	:	STA valid date	:

Document Details

STA Certificate : Upload STA certificate

SL.#	VALID FROM	VALID TO	VIEW
1			

Signature : Upload the Signature

Affidavit Copy : Upload Affidavit copy

T & C :

NSC :

NSC Pledging Letter :

Payment Details

Transaction No.	Challan No.	Date	Amount	Name of treasury

Signature of the Applicant

Date :

FORM–J
[See Rule 10(2)]
TRANSPORTING AGENT'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Registration No. :

Transporter :

Full Name :

Name of Father or Husband :
(in the case of an individual)

Address :Village/Street :

Post Office/Town :

Police Station :

District :

State :

1. License No. ---------- under OMV (Licensing of Agents) Rules,1983 is registered to transport of the mineral in the State subject to the restrictions / conditions imposed by the state government in these Rules

2. The license is valid from ---------- to ----------

Dated of Issue :

Competent Authority

FORM K

[See Rule 10(12)]

Monthly Return

Name of Transporting Agency:

Name of Mineral/Ore:

Full Address:

Place of Business:

No. and Date of Transporter Registration:

Name of the Circle Mining Office under whose jurisdiction the Mineral/Ore is stored:

Period of License:

Name of the Month & Year:

Month & Year	Name of the Lessee / Licensees	Name of the Mines / Plant	Mineral	Type of Mineral and size	Quantity transported (MT)	Lump / Fines	Destination
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Contract / Order issued by the lessees / end user industries	Freight/ MT awarded
9	10

Signature of Transport Agent

Date….

FORM-L

[See Rule 11(4)]

TRANSIT PASS FOR THE LESSEE

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

e-Pass No._____/ Date & Time of generation of e-pass _____,

Validity of e-pass date & Time_____

Name of the Mines	:	Mines Code	:
Name of the Lessee	:	Type of Mineral	:
Bulk Quantity Assigned by lessee	:	Nature & Size of Mineral	:
Licensee (End-user)/ Destination Name	:	Licensee (End-user) Code	:
Location of End-user	:	Licensee (Trader) Code	:
Licensee (Trader) Name	:	Weighbridge Approval No.	:
Analyser Approval No. (if applicable)	:	Grade of the Mineral Determined by the Analyser / Grade of the Mineral declared by Lessee	:

Cubic content (Cu.M.) (if applicable) . . . .

Gross weight of the carrier : . . . . . tonnes

Tare weight of the carrier : . . . . . tonnes

Weight of the Mineral (Tonnes) . . . . . .

Name of the Carrier Owner . . . . . Carrier Regn. No. . . . . , Transporter Name & Registration No._____

NB.: It is a electronically generated pass from digital platform of Steel and Mines Department and therefore need no further authorization. Any type of tempering of this pass attract penal action.

FORM - M

[See Rule 11(4)]

TRANSIT PASS FOR THE LICENSEE

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

e-Pass No._____/ Date & Time of generation of e-pass _____,

Validity of e-pass date & Time_____

Name of the Licensee	:	Type of Mineral	
Bulk Quantity Assigned by lessee	:	Nature & Size of Mineral	
Licensee (End-user)/ Destination Name	:	Licensee (End-user) Code	:
Location of End-user	:	Licensee (Trader) Code	:
Licensee (Trader) Name	:	Weighbridge Approval No.	:
Analyser Approval No. (If applicable)	:	Grade of the Mineral declared by Licensee	:

Cubic content (Cu.M.) (if applicable) . . . .

Gross weight of the carrier : . . . . . tonnes

Tare weight of the carrier : . . . . . tonnes

Weight of the Mineral (Tonnes) . . . . . .

Name of the Carrier Owner . . . . . Carrier Regn. No. . . . . , Transporter Name & Registration No._____

NB.: It is a electronically generated pass from digital platform of Steel and Mines Department and therefore need no further authorization. Any type of tempering of this pass attract penal action.

FORM - N
SEIZURE LIST
[See Rule 13(2)]

1. Name of officer seizing the property :
2. Designation and address of the officer :
3. Details of property seized
   (a) Place of seizure with date and time :
   (b) Description of each property :
4. Rule under which property is seized :
5. Name and address of person from whom the property is seized :
6. Name and address of any other claimant for the seized property :
7. Details of 'Seal' given on the seized property :
8. Name and address of person under whose custody the seized property has been kept :
9. Signature of the custodian :
10. Approximate value of the seized property :
11. Remarks :
12. Name and address of witnesses with their signature :

(i)

(ii)

Date :

Signature of officer seizing the property
with designation and address

FORM-O

[See Rule – 12(7)]

APPLICATION FOR WEIGHBRIDGE APPROVAL

To

The Director of Mines & Geology, Odisha.

Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Dear Sir,

I request you for grant of approval for generation of e-pass in the installed weighbridge in our mining lease area /plant premises as per details mentioned below: -

Name of the Lease/Plant	:	
Validity of Lease/License	:	
Location & Land details of the weighbridge	:	
Certificate of Legal Metrology Officer (Attach Required Documents)	:	
Certificate as regards installation of IT Facility in the weighbridge (Attach Required Documents)	:	
Land use plan specifying installation of weighbridge in Forest land, if weighbridge has been installed in Diverted Forest Land (Attach Required Documents)	:	
Mining Plan specifying installation of weighbridge in the lease area (Attach Required Documents)	:	
Surface right plan specifying weighbridge in the lease area (Attach Required Documents)	:	

Signature of Owner / Agent / Manager Name of the Mines

:……

Form –P
[See Rule – 12 (7)]

WEIGHBRIDGE APPROVAL

Approval No: **Date:**

The Weighbridge of (_____Lessee Name__) located at (___ Lat Long___) within their (___name of mining lease ____) mining lease is hereby accorded approval for the purpose of functioning of e-permit and e-pass system in the said weighbridge with effect from (____date of approval_____) under Rule 14 (7) of the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining And Regulation Of Trading, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2025 subject to the compliance of the provisions of the said rules and executive instructions issued thereunder from time to time and the validity of the Certificate of Verification issued by the concerned Legal Metrology Officer under rule 16 (3) schedule-VIII of the Odisha Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011.

This approval for functioning of e- Transit permit and e- Transit pass system in the established weighbridge is without prejudice to the requirements of all other applicable laws/rules/court orders, if any for establishment and operation of weighbridge in the mining lease/plant premises/any other location as preferred by the applicant.

The validity of this approval shall stand co-terminus with the validity of the Certificate of Verification issued by the office of the concerned Legal Metrology Officer i.e dated (___date of metrology dept approval__)

DIRECTOR OF MINES &
GEOLOGY, ODISHA

FORM - Q

[See Rule 17(5)]

REGISTER OF COMPOUNDING OF OFFENCES

Sl. No.	Date of commission of offence	Name of accused person /persons	Brief description of offence	Property involved in offence	Place of occurrence of offence	Officer detecting the offence	Compounding fee for offence
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Compounding fee for property	Total compounding fee	Signature of authority compounding the offence compounding fee is deposited	No. and date of Treasury challan in which not compounded	Date of Disposal and cost of property, if which cost of property is deposited	No. and date of Treasury challan in	Remark
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

FORM - R
[See Rule 18(1)]
FORM OF APPEAL

1. Name of the applicant (in full) :
2. Address :
3. Father's Name :
(In case of firm, name and addresses of the partners and person holding power of attorney to act on behalf of the firm).
:
4. Name and date of the order of the Competent Authority against which appeal / revision is preferred :
5. Ground of Appeal :
6. Evidence of payment of fee for Appeal : Rs.. . . . . (Rupees . . . . . .) only in T.C. No.. . . . . .dt. . . . . .
In case of appeal preferred after 60 days of order, the reason for delay
:
7. Whether the appellant desires to be heard in person or through pleader
:
8. Any additional information, if appellant desires to furnish :
9. List of documents :
   (a) Treasury challan in original
   (b) Copy of the order against which appeal is preferred:
   (c) Authorization in favour of the pleader
   (d) Power of Attorney

Signature of the Applicant.

SCHEDULE – I

[See Rule 2(1)(f)]

Sl. No.	Designation of the Competent Authority	Jurisdiction	Minerals
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Deputy Director of Mines, Joda	Champua Sub-division of Keonjhar District	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
2	Deputy Director of Mines Koira	Bonai sub-division of Sundargarh Districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
3	Deputy Director of Mines, Rourkela	All other sub-divisions of Sundargarh Districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
4	Deputy Director of Mines, Jajpur Road	Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur & Kendrapara Districts.	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
5	Deputy Director of Mines Talcher	Angul and Dhenkanal districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
6	Deputy Director of Mines, Sambalpur	Sambalpur, Jharsuguda Nayagarh & Deogarh districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
7	Deputy Director of Mines, Koraput	Nawarangpur, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Koraput districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
8	Deputy Director of Mines, Keonjhar	All other sub-divisions of Keonjhar dist. Excepting Champua sub-division	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
9	Deputy Director of Mines, Cuttack	Cuttack, Puri, Khurda & Nayagarh Districts.	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
10	Deputy Director of Mines, Balangir	Balangir and Subarnapur Districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
11	Deputy Director of Mines, Bhawanipatna	Kalahandi and Nuapada Districts.	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
12	Deputy Director of Mines, Berhampur	Ganjam and Gajapati Districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**

13	Deputy Director of Mines, Phulbani	Boudh and Kandhamal districts	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**
14	Deputy Director of Mines, Baripada	Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Bhadrak Districts.	All minerals as defined under **Rule 2(1)(r)**

SCHEDULE-II

[See rule 2 (1) (s)]

Mineral License Activity	Purpose of Mineral license	Valid for
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**
1. Trading	Purchase or sale anywhere in the State for domestic consumption or Export	The whole of the State of Odisha
2. Storage	Storage of minerals for the purpose of procurement / sale / export / import	Storage for the respective premises and sale/export/import to or from such premises any-where in the State
3. Processing	Procure, Processing, end-use and sale of residuals: (1) Within the State (2) Outside the State	The whole of the State of Odisha.

SCHEDULE-III

[See rule 4(3)(vii)]

PRESCRIBED FORMAT OF AFFIDAVIT

I, Sri _____ aged about _____ years, S/o _____, resident at _____ and present address _____ _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows: -

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) do not have any outstanding dues to be paid to the State Government as on the date of the application for the purpose of issuance of MDCC in respect of all the mining lease(s) owned by us in the State of Odisha.

Or

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) owes the following mining dues which are sub-judice in different Courts of Law / Revision Authority or other Lawful Authority and Audit Authority as detailed below-

a.

b.

c.

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) declare that we have prayed for relief against the demand(s) which is/are sub-judice as follows-

a.

b.

c.

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) declare that interim relief /order has been pronounced by the Hon'ble Courts of Law / Revision Authority or other Lawful Authority and Audit Authority against our prayer as follows-

a.

b.

c.

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) declare to deposit forthwith the dues stayed by the Court of law / RA/ other lawful authorities & dues awaiting settlement by Audit Authorities on the same attaining finality.

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) declare to not use this MDCC for the purpose of compliance under Rule 21 (2) (b) of the MCR, 2016 (surrender of mines) or any other purpose.

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) declare that, neither the applicant nor any of the Director / Partner of the company have been convicted in any court of law in any case relating to theft, smuggling and illegal mining, storage, trading, transportation, etc. for mining leases in the state of Odisha

That, I/any Partner of our Partnership Firm (name of the Firm)/ any Director of our Company (Name of the Company) declare that, this MDCC will be used only for Grant / Renewal of Mineral License in the State under Rule 4 of the Odisha Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining and Regulation of Trading, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2025.

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